

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-7, 9-15 and 17 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 10-15 and 17, which are independent, are hereby amended. It is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. Support for this amendment is provided at page 15 of the Specification as originally filed. No new matter has been introduced by this amendment. Changes to claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-7, 9-15 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,405,034 to Tijerino (hereinafter, merely "Tijerino") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,507,371 to Hashimoto et al. (hereinafter, merely "Hashimoto").

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*:

"An on-demand image delivery server delivering image data based on a request from a client terminal, said server having one or more retrieval items as a retrieval condition inputted from the client terminal...

wherein said contents related information includes information with regard to **location, object, situation, shooting point and shooting time of the retrieval...**” (Emphasis added)

As understood by Applicants, Tijerino relates to an adaptive communication data retrieval system for sending and receiving personalized information from a communication device via a communication network to a server based retrieval system. The adaptive communication data retrieval system has an adaptive capability to learn and become more efficient at finding focused personalized information through learned usage patterns and/or historical data.

Applicants respectfully submit that Tijerino does not teach or suggest the above identified features of claim 1. Specifically, Tijerino does not teach or suggest an on-demand image delivery server delivering image data based on a request from a client terminal, said server having one or more retrieval items as a retrieval condition inputted from the client terminal wherein said contents related information includes information with regard to **location, object, situation, shooting point and shooting time of the retrieval**, as recited in independent claim 1.

Applicants submit that the Office Action has conceded that Tijerino does not teach the contents-related information includes information with regard to shooting method of the retrieval result. (See Office Action page 3) Applicants submit that, since Tijerino fails to teach or suggest a recited claim element, the Office Action has failed to establish a valid rejection of claim 1. Applicants have amended claim 1 to further clarify that the shooting method pertains to point and time, which even further distinguishes claim 1 from Tijerino. Upon review of Tijerino, Applicants have found no disclosure that would support the contentions made in the outstanding Office Action.

Applicants submit that Hashimoto does not provide any teaching or suggestion of the above-identified feature of claim 1.

Therefore, Applicants submit that independent claim 1 is patentable.

For reasons similar to, or somewhat similar to, those described above with regard to independent claim 1, independent claims 10-15 and 17 are also believed to be patentable.

Therefore, Applicants submit that independent claims 1, 10-15 and 17 are patentable.

III. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

The other claims in this application are each dependent from one of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION


In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of the statements appearing above with respect to the disclosures in the cited reference, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portion, or portions of the reference providing the basis for a contrary view.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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